



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 757

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AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER CARETAKER RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Caretaker relative" means a nonparent of a minor child who is a
4 blood relative of any degree, an adoptive relative, or a spouse or
5 former spouse of a blood relative of a child, who is primarily
6 responsible for the care of the child.

7 (2) "Child" means a needy child under the age of eighteen, or under
8 the age of nineteen and in full-time attendance in a secondary school
9 or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training if, before
10 he attains age nineteen, such child may reasonably be expected to
11 complete the program of such secondary school or such training.
12 "Child" includes a stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother or half-sister of
13 the child related to the caretaker relative who resides in the same
14 household with the caretaker relative and for whose care the caretaker
15 relative is primarily responsible.

16 (b) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, the payment
17 standard for a child only assistance unit receiving temporary family

18 assistance from the Department of Social Services pursuant to section
 19 17b-112 of the general statutes, in which the head of the household is a
 20 caretaker relative, shall be equal to sixty per cent of the prevailing
 21 foster care rate paid pursuant to section 17a-126 of the general statutes
 22 for the equivalent number of children in a thirty-day month.

23 (c) On and after July 1, 2008, the payment standard for a child only
 24 assistance unit receiving temporary family assistance from the
 25 Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-112 of the
 26 general statutes, in which the head of the household is a caretaker
 27 relative, shall be equal to seventy per cent of the prevailing foster care
 28 rate paid pursuant to section 17a-126 of the general statutes for the
 29 equivalent number of children in a thirty-day month.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

KID	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	HS
HS	<i>Joint Favorable Subst. C/R</i>	APP